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TUTTLE CREEK DAM

FACT SHEET

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NEPA

- NEPA stands for the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.
- NEPA requires Federal agencies, like the Corps, to consider the environmental consequences of an action equally with economics and technical factors during project planning and prior to decision-making.
- In addition, NEPA requires Federal agencies to take actions that protect, restore, and enhance the environment.
- The NEPA process provides the decision-maker with a comparison of environmental impacts resulting from alternative actions.
- Important NEPA Concepts
 - o Public participation
 - o Interdisciplinary study (biologists, economists, engineers, emergency managers and many other disciplines will contribute to the study)
 - o Full disclosure
- Public participation will be solicited through an initial meeting in Manhattan, Kansas on May 14, 2001, a comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) beginning in April 2002, a second public meeting in Manhattan on April 23, 2002 on the DEIS, and a final comment period after issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.
- In order to encourage public participation in the NEPA process and ensure full public disclosure, the Corps has established a website and developed fact sheets to provide information to the public on the proposed project and the NEPA process. The Corps will also provide news releases on project milestones, meeting announcements and comment deadlines to media sources in the project area.
- Another important aspect is participation in the NEPA process by other agencies, including city, county, state and Federal. The Corps has made initial contact with these groups to identify areas of concern and solicit their input in the process.

This fact sheet is published by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the lead agency for the Tuttle Creek Dam Safety Assurance Program. Comments or questions about this fact sheet or the Dam Safety Assurance Program should be directed to Bill Empson of the Kansas City District, Corps of Engineers at (816) 983-3556 or by E-mail at tcdam.nwk@usace.army.mil.

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